ORDINANCE NO. 2022 -

An Ordinance of the County Commissioners of La Porte County, Indiana to Amend Ordinance 1991-1 and all subsequent Ordinances establishing an E-911 Advisory Board in La Porte County, Indiana.

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of La Porte County, Indiana had previously determined that La Porte County should enjoy the enhanced safety benefits of an E-911 enhanced emergency telephone system, and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners had determined that said E-911 enhanced emergency telephone system should be operated as an agency of La Porte County, and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of La Porte County deemed it necessary that a board be created to assist, supervise, and advise regarding the operation of said E-911 emergency telephone system agency,

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board as follows:

SECTION I. The Board of Commissioners do hereby amend the 911 advisory body to include a representative from the Town of Kingsford Heights and the Town of Trail Creek to serve as a member of the E-911 enhanced emergency telephone system agency which body shall be known as the "E-911 Advisory Board". Such amendment to prior ordinances shall also consist of removing "The Mayor of La Porte" and "The Mayor of Michigan City" as they have appointees from both police and fire agencies to represent the municipalities.

SECTION II. A. The E-911 Advisory Board shall be composed of the following individuals or their respective alternates:

- 1. One member from the County Commissioners or an alternate.
- 2. One member of the La Porte County Council or an alternate.
- 3. The Sheriff of LaPorte County or an alternate.
- 4. The La Porte County Emergency Medical Services Director or an alternate.
- 5. A representative from the La Porte City Police Department or an alternate.
- 6. A representative from the La Porte City Fire Department or an alternate.
- 7. A representative from the Michigan City Police Department or an alternate.

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- 8. A representative from the Michigan City Fire Department or an alternate.
- 9. A representative from La Porte County Fire Chiefs Association or an alternate.
- 10. The Emergency Planning Coordinator (Hazmat) or an alternate.
- 11. The Emergency Management Agency Director or an alternate.
- 12. A representative from the Town of Kingsford Heights or an alternate.
- 13. A representative from the Town of Trail Creek or an alternate.
- 14. The Director of E-911 who shall serve in an ex-officio capacity.
- 15. The Town of Long Beach Town Council President or an alternate.
- Town of Westville Council President or an alternate.
- 17. A Dispatcher employed by E-911, who shall serve as an ex-officio member.
- B. The above representatives or recommended alternates shall be referred to the Board of Commissioners of La Porte County which shall have the authority to make a formal appointment to serve on the E-911 Advisory Board. No individual may serve without his or her appointment being formally ratified by the La Porte County Board of Commissioners. Any appointee or his or her alternate shall have full voting authority.
- C. <u>Terms of Appointment</u>. Each member shall serve on an annual basis from January 1st to December 31st of that year. For the purpose of the initial Board, all members shall serve from the time of their appointment until December 31st, 1991. Thereafter, all appointments shall be made on an annual basis. The E-911 Advisory Board shall meet as frequently as it deems necessary, but not less than quarterly.

SECTION III: The E-911 Advisor Board will have the following duties and responsibilities:

- A. The Board shall assist the Board of Commissioners in all matters relative to personnel of the E-911 system. The assistance shall include, but not be limited to, the process of taking applications and interviews for employment, supervision of current employees, advice and recommendations regarding discipline and resolution of employee disputes,
- Recommend operational policies and administrative regulations regarding the operations of E-911.
- C. Coordinate the participation of all member agencies and public emergency response agencies in the count in the E-911 System.

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- D. Said E-911 Advisory Board shall mediate disputes as and if they arise among the public emergency response agencies participating in the E-911.
- E. The actions of the E-911 Advisory Board are advisory in nature and their recommendations or findings shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners of La Porte County immediately after said finding or recommendations have been made.
- F. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective from and after its passage, approval, and publication.

Passed this 2nd day of February 2022

+ Reading 1-19-2022

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF LA PORTE COUNTY

ATTEST:

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